

Dear Member,

Thank you for contributing to the Arbor Day Foundation and for sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Please enjoy these free trees as a sign of our appreciation.

Your trees have arrived in a bundle; please separate them before planting. Included is a guide to help ensure proper planting conditions. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*, and more information is available online at [arborday.org/plant](http://arborday.org/plant) or by scanning the QR code below.

Because we want your planting experience to be successful, your trees are guaranteed to arrive healthy and to grow, or they will be replaced within one year of shipment.

If you need further assistance, please contact Member Services at [info@arborday.org](mailto:info@arborday.org) or 888-448-7337.

Best regards,

The Arbor Day Foundation Team



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## START HERE: Guide to Your New Trees

Please refer to the information below to identify each tree or shrub species in your bundle and to ensure proper planting sites and conditions for each.

### IDENTIFICATION CHART

#### 10 Norway Spruce Trees + 2 Pee Gee Hydrangeas (Tree Package 8847)

Species	Bark ID Color
10 Norway Spruces ( <i>Picea abies</i> )	None
2 Pee Gee Hydrangeas ( <i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> 'Grandiflora')	Orange

## NORWAY SPRUCE *Picea abies*



**Number of Trees: 10**

**Bark ID color: NONE**

The **Norway Spruce** is a familiar sight throughout the United States. Growing in a pyramidal form, the young branches grow upward, and as the tree matures, lower branches droop and all branches assume a slight upward sweep. Secondary branches give it a graceful appearance. The stiff, dark green needles are retained on the tree for several years before dropping. Cones 4"-6" long are formed around age 30. The seeds and tender foliage are eaten by birds and mammals, while lower branches offer protective cover for larger animals.

Recommended windbreak spacing is 6'-13' between trees and 16'-25' between rows. For a hedge, shear the new shoots while the year's growth is still soft.

<b>Mature Height</b>	40'–60'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	25'–30'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Medium (13"–24" per year) to Fast (25" or greater per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic, Clay, Drought-tolerant, Loamy, Moist, Sandy, Well-drained

## PEE GEE HYDRANGEA *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Grandiflora'



**Number of Shrubs: 2**

**Bark ID color: ORANGE**

The **Pee Gee Hydrangea** is a cold-hardy flowering shrub that produces large panicles of persisting, summer-blooming, white flowers. It is very versatile — it can grow naturally into shrub form or can be trained into a single small flowering tree.

To train as a single-stemmed tree: Select the straightest and strongest stem to use as the trunk. Stake the stem. Prune out additional stems, leaving three to four branches on the upper fourth of the plant. Every spring, remove branches from the bottom three-fourths of the plant and prune top to desired shape. In addition to training the plant, prune it in early spring to remove non-productive growth and ground suckers. For larger flowers in shrub form, prune to 10 primary shoots.

<b>Mature Height</b>	10'–20'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	10'–20'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Fast (25" or more per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun, Partial Shade
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic, Clay, Loamy, Moist, Rich, Sandy, Well-drained